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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 269

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eng**  
**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally)**

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An act to ~~amend Section 1717 of~~ *add Section 1715.5 to* the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as amended, Eng. Dentists: *dental auxiliaries*: licensure renewal.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists *and dental auxiliaries* by the Dental Board of California. The act requires each ~~dentist licensee~~ to apply to the board for license renewal.

This bill would require a ~~licensed dentist licensee~~ to report, ~~on~~ *upon* his or her *initial licensure and any* application for license renewal, information regarding his or her specialty board certification and practice status and would authorize this information to be posted on the board's Internet Web site. The bill would authorize a ~~dentist licensee~~ to report cultural background and foreign language proficiency to the board in his or her licensure renewal application and would require that this information be compiled and reported on the board's Internet Web site on or before ~~October~~ *July 1* of each year. *The bill would require the board to take certain actions to phase in this reporting mechanism by January 1, 2009.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine  
2 the number of dentists *and licensed or registered dental auxiliaries*  
3 with cultural and linguistic competency who are practicing dentistry  
4 in California.

5     (b) Collecting data on dentists *and dental auxiliaries* serving  
6 any given area allows for the consistent determination of the areas  
7 of California that are underserved by dentists *and dental auxiliaries*  
8 with cultural or linguistic competency.

9     SEC. 2. *Section 1715.5 is added to the Business and Professions*  
10 *Code, to read:*

11     1715.5. (a) A licensee shall, upon his or her initial licensure  
12 and any subsequent application for renewal, report the completion  
13 of any advanced educational program accredited by the Committee  
14 on Dental Accreditation in a dental specialty recognized by the  
15 American Dental Association.

16     (b) The licensee shall also report to the board, upon his or her  
17 initial licensure and any subsequent application for renewal, the  
18 practice or employment status of the licensee, designated as one  
19 of the following:

20     (1) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice of 32  
21 hours per week or more in California.

22     (2) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice outside  
23 of California.

24     (3) Part-time practice or employment in a dental practice for  
25 less than 32 hours per week in California.

26     (4) Dental administrative employment that does not include  
27 direct patient care, as may further be defined by the board.

28     (5) Retired.

29     (6) Other practice or employment status, as may be further  
30 defined by the board.

31     (c) Information collected pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be  
32 posted on the board's Internet Web site.

33     (d) (1) A licensee may report to the board, in his or her  
34 application for renewal, and the board shall collect, information  
35 regarding the licensee's cultural background and foreign language  
36 proficiency. This requirement shall be phased in by January 1,  
37 2009, as provided in paragraph (2).

1 (2) Prior to collecting information beginning on January 1,  
2 2009, pursuant to this subdivision, the board shall, on or before  
3 the preceding March 1, prepare the survey questions and prepare  
4 for a test run of dental students to ensure the efficiency of the data  
5 being collected. On or before the preceding July 1, the board shall  
6 advise its licensees that it is collecting this data before commencing  
7 collection of data under this subdivision. On or before the  
8 preceding October 1, the board shall conduct the test run of dental  
9 students and make appropriate changes to the survey questions  
10 prior to data collection implementation.

11 (3) Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
12 aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by  
13 the board in the collection of the data, into both statewide totals  
14 and ZIP Code of primary practice or employment location totals.

15 (4) Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be  
16 compiled annually, and reported on the board's Internet Web site  
17 on or before July 1 of each year.

18 SEC. 2.—Section 1717 of the Business and Professions Code is  
19 amended to read:

20 1717. (a) To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall,  
21 before the time at which the license would otherwise expire, apply  
22 for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay the renewal  
23 fee prescribed by this chapter. The receipt of the executive officer  
24 shall be indispensable evidence that payment has been made.

25 (b) The licensee shall, in his or her application for renewal,  
26 report any specialty board certification he or she holds that is issued  
27 by a member board of the American Board of Dental Specialties  
28 or approved by the Dental Board of California.

29 (c) The licensee shall also report to the board, in his or her  
30 application for renewal, the practice status of the licensee,  
31 designated as one of the following:

32 (1) Full-time practice in California.

33 (2) Full-time practice outside of California.

34 (3) Part-time practice in California.

35 (4) Dental administrative employment that does not include  
36 direct patient care.

37 (5) Retired.

38 (6) Other practice status, as may be further defined by the board.

39 (d) (1) A licensee may report to the board, in his or her  
40 application for renewal, and the board shall collect, information

- 1 regarding the licensee's cultural background and foreign language  
2 proficiency.
- 3 ~~(2) Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be~~  
4 ~~aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by the~~  
5 ~~board in the collection of the data, into both statewide totals and~~  
6 ~~ZIP Code of primary practice location totals.~~
- 7 ~~(3) Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be~~  
8 ~~compiled annually, and reported on the board's Internet Web site~~  
9 ~~on or before October 1 of each year.~~
- 10 ~~(e) Information collected pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c)~~  
11 ~~may be posted on the board's Internet Web site.~~